

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q90646

Masayuki TANAKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/551,550

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 3838

Examiner: Ganapathiram RAGHU

Filed: June 29, 2006

For: CATALYST FOR CLEAVING SUGAR CHAIN

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated March 18, 2008.

Initially, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the Preliminary Amendment filed September 30, 2005, and which is in PAIR. In the Preliminary Amendment, claims 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 were amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and claims 22-27 were canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-21 are pending.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-8, 16 and 17 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

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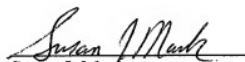
In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects chondroitin sulfate D for examination on which claims 1-8, 16 and 17 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 9-15, and 18-21.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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